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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005, in which all pending claims 1-20 were subject to an election of species requirement. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to four (4) species. The Office Action asserted that Species I is directed to Figures 1-2; Species II is directed to Figures 3-5; Species III is directed to Figures 6-8; and Species IV is directed to Figures 9-10.

By this response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species II in this application. This election is made without traverse. The claims readable on the elected Species II are: 1-20.

Applicant asserts that claims 1-20 are generic to Species I, II, III, and IV. Applicant understands that if a generic claim is allowed, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Examination of the application is requested. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should an extension of time, or any fee be

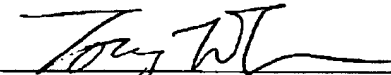
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required, the applicant requests that this action be undertaken and our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 be charged for the fee.

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